

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A mixed-mode method and system for performing e-commerce transactions between a user and a vendor, including creating an order list in an off-line environment, sending the order list to the vendor, making the order list available to the user through a real-time connection with the vendor, establishing a real-time connection between the user and the vendor and enabling the user to review and approve the order list during the real-time connection. The order list is preferably created using an e-mail or word processing program on the user's computer and is sent to the vendor via e-mail. A web browser is then used to establish the on-line connection with the vendor's site to review and approve the off-line created order while on-line with the vendor. Once the order is approved through the on-line process, the order is processed in a conventional manner to complete the transaction.

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